

# 2013 Needs Assessment for Barbour County

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## **Accomplishments**

The Barbour County Children's Policy Council sponsored the Fulfill the Dreams Summer Camp in Clayton. The program will engage 16 students( ages 13-17) in preparation for a field in service type jobs, such as non-profit sector and education. The purpose of this program is to have a fun, constructive, supervised activity for teens in Barbour County during the summer.

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Children are safe within their homes and communities. Statistics indicate that substance abuse and underage drinking result in higher crime rates, increased incidences of domestic violence, destructive behavior, lack of discipline and poor academic performance.

| Existing resources available to help meet this need include:  | Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:   |
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| Boys and Girls Club<br>Law Enforcement Agencies<br>Mental Health Professionals<br>Church and Grassroots Organizations<br>Local Education Agencies | Legislature that proposes stiff punishment for families involved.<br>Parent Project<br>Mentor Program for Youth |

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Conduct Town-Hall meetings through out the county with educators, mental health professionals, law enforcement personnel, and court officials.
2. Impose fines for parents of underage individuals who condone this behavior.
3. Get more youth involved with the Barbour County Youth Leadership.
4. Get more people trained to teach Parent Project.

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Kids need to attend school regularly.

| Existing resources available to help meet this need include:  | Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:    |
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| Early Warning Truancy Programs<br>Camp Sayla<br>The Counseling Place<br>SpectraCare Mental Health Liaison | Truant Officer<br>Big Brother/Sister Program<br>Mentor Program |

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Schools need to inform Juvenile Court when student has at least five unexcused absences.
2. Parents need to contact Juvenile Court if their child refuses to go to school.
3. Families need to be referred to the Counseling Place for counseling.
4. Students need to be referred to SpectraCare for an assessment.

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Children enter school ready to learn to become successful students. Children's social, emotional, and educational needs must be addressed.

| Existing resources available to help meet this need include:  | Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:  |
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| Pre-K programs<br>Hippy<br>Head Start<br>Wallace Community College Early Childhood Education Department | Extension Pre-K Program<br>Hippy home instructor for outlying areas of the county<br>Reading Program in Barbour County<br>Parent Project Jr. |

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Establish reading programs in all the schools in Barbour County and the City of Eufaula.
2. Train early childhood educators on the topic of challenging behavior and appropriate interventions; also the ability to recognize these behaviors as a characteristic of certain disabilities.
3. Develop a plan that includes health, parent education, and family support to be implemented by child care providers.
4. Develop resources from local churches and civic organizations to establish reading programs.